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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 28 February 1995 from Mr. Hamid Yusuf Hammadi, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 February 1995 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to inform you that senior Kuwaiti government officials have on more than one occasion assumed positions that indicate their lack of respect for the norms of international intercourse and the provisions of Security Council resolutions requiring respect for Iraq's sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence, namely resolutions 686 (1991) and 687 (1991). Such positions have been maintained even with Iraq's recognition on 10 November 1994, in accordance with Security Council resolution 833 (1993), of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Kuwait and of the international boundaries as demarcated by the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission.

In our letter of 15 February 1995 addressed to you concerning the Iranian aggression of 11 February 1995, we referred to the close coordination prior to this operation between circles that are well known to be clients of the rulers of Iran and Kuwaiti government officials. The aggression took place within a few days of the visit to Kuwait of Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim, leader of the so-called "Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq", which is based in Tehran, and of his meeting with the Amir, the Prime Minister and senior officials. This is to be regarded as open intervention by the Government of Kuwait in Iraq's internal affairs and a measure that has the avowed objective of undermining the country's internal stability. It is said that, following a previous visit to Kuwait in 1992, this person declared that he had discussed with Kuwaiti officials "ideas" relating to a plan to depose Saddam Hussein.

I should like to cite some of the statements made by senior government officials in Kuwait calling directly or indirectly for the removal of the political regime in Iraq and for interference in the country's internal affairs:

1. In a statement published on 21 November 1994 in the Egyptian weekly Rose al-Yusif, Su'ud al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Minister of Information, said, "The Iraqi regime cannot be trusted, and we must all work together for its removal".

2. On 21 November 1994, Mr. Muhammad al-Sabah, Ambassador of Kuwait to the United States, made a statement to the California newspaper The Los Angeles Times, reported in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Siyasah on 23 November 1994, in which he said, "The departure of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would change much in the region, particularly since he does not have the popularity to survive for long".

3. On 17 January 1995, Agence France-Presse reported that on 16 January 1995 the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Saad Al-Abdulla, had stated that, "The reunification of Iraq comes about through the removal of Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq".

These expressed positions, a few examples of which I set before you, reflect the true nature of the policy being pursued by the Government of Kuwait in seeking to undermine the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Iraq and to interfere openly in its internal affairs. They constitute a flagrant violation of Kuwait's obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, the norms of international law and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hamid Yusuf HAMMADI
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq